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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Anaheim – Southern California Muslims Warned to be on Alert During Ramadan Festivities

(U) The Council on American-Islamic Relations issued an alert to all mosques and Islamic organizations nationwide, warning them to be vigilant after incidents of violence against Muslims in recent weeks and a year punctuated by an increase in anti-Muslim hate crimes, hate incidents and rhetoric. On Sunday morning, 25 June, about 20,000 Muslims are expected to congregate at Angels Stadium in Anaheim to pray together and celebrate Eid al-Fitr, the day that marks the end of the holy month of Ramadan.

SOURCE: 20 June 2017, [The Orange County Register](#)

(U) San Diego – Investigation Leads to Large Fentanyl Bust

(U) A federal investigation in San Diego has led to drug-related charges against three people in what authorities said was one of the largest seizures of fentanyl in the US. Drug Enforcement Administration agents seized nearly 100 pounds of the potent synthetic drug, most of it from a house in Lemon Grove, according to an indictment unsealed Monday. The load represents millions of lethal doses, the US Attorney's Office said. Fentanyl is a painkiller that can be up to 50 times stronger than heroin.

Authorities say even trace amounts can be fatal.

SOURCE: 19 June 2017, [The San Diego Union-Tribune](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) New York – Nigerian Man Pleads Guilty to Email Scams

(U) Manhattan – A Nigerian man pleaded guilty yesterday to taking part in email scams attempting to defraud thousands of victims around the world out of millions of dollars, US prosecutors said. Prosecutors said David Adindu took part in scams in which emails were sent impersonating executives or vendors of companies, directing employees of those companies to make large wire transfers. Such scams are known as "business email compromise."

SOURCE: 20 June 2017, [Reuters](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Belgium – Soldiers Kill Man Attempting to Bomb Train Station

(U) Brussels – The main train station in the Belgian capital was evacuated yesterday evening after security forces foiled a "terror attack" by shooting a suspect following a small but fiery blast, the country's top prosecutor said. Only the alleged perpetrator was killed in the incident, which happened at Brussels Central Station, the Belgian federal prosecutor reported. Federal prosecutor Eric Van der Sypt added that "this incident is considered as a terrorist attack."

SOURCE: 20 June 2017, [NBC News](#)

(U) Congo – Report: 3,300 Dead in Central Congo Conflict Since August

(U) Kinshasa – More than 3,300 people have been killed in central Congo's volatile Kasai provinces since August, according to a document released yesterday by the Catholic church, as the United Nations called

for an international investigation after accounts of babies with machete wounds and pregnant women sliced open. The sharply higher death toll came as the UN human rights chief faulted Congo's government for failing to protect civilians, citing "harrowing" reports from UN rights experts deployed this month to interview displaced people. The region in central Congo exploded into violence after a traditional chief known as Kamwina Nsapu was killed in a military operation in August after his militants revolted against Congolese authorities.

SOURCE: 20 June 2017, [Associated Press](#)

(U) Syria – Coalition Airstrike Kills Top ISIS Cleric

(U) Mayadeen – US-led coalition forces killed Turki al-Bin'ali, a top cleric of ISIS, in an airstrike last month, the coalition said yesterday. The coalition said in a statement that the cleric and self-proclaimed "Grand Mufti" was killed in an airstrike on 31 May in Mayadeen, Syria. Al-Bin'ali played a prolific role in recruiting terrorist fighters and inciting terror attacks around the world, US officials said. He has acted as the chief cleric of ISIS since 2014 and was a close confidant to ISIS leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, the statement said.

SOURCE: 20 June 2017, [CBS News](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) Arizona – Report: Arizona Border with Mexico Sees most Drug Trafficking Arrests

(U) Tucson – Southwest border ports, including six in Arizona, were among the busiest spots for drug smuggling, according to a new study of large-scale drug arrests. The report showed a broad decline in marijuana-related arrests. Meanwhile, arrests for harder drugs such as cocaine, heroin and meth, remained steady. The study used five years of published reports on drug arrests, drawing from official sources such as US Customs and Border Protection, as well as national and regional media outlets.

SOURCE: 20 June 2017, [The Republic](#)

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